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Letter To The Editor

To The Editor
Times-Virginian
Dear Sir:

I was overwhelmed at the response of our citizens who attended Memorial Day Services held at the War Memorial Monument on the Courthouse Square. By their presence, they proved that the supreme sacrifice of 46 men from this county has not been forgotten. To those who came, thank you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **Times-Virginian**, Radio Station WTTX, the Town of Appomattox and County, Mrs. Barbara Williams, Circuit Court Clerk, Mrs. Beck Hudson, Dr. Mark Weatherly, the Appomattox County High School Band, Mr. Frank Coffey and the Rev. J. Harmon Smith, without whose help we couldn't have had such a successful Memorial Service.

Sincerely,
Ronald C. Spiggle, Commander
American Legion Post #104

Local Student Receives Award

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Miss Josie Megginson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Megginson of Route 3, Appomattox, has been named winner of the Leila R. Custard Memorial History Award at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.

The award was presented by Dr. Guenter Salter, dean of the College of Arts and Science, at the annual Awards Day Program at BJU on May 19. The award is presented for excellence in historical research. The recipient received a key inscribed "History, 1976." The late Dr. Custard was head of the history department of BJU for 13 years.

At the Convocation exercises on May 26 at BJU 750 graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates were conferred upon candidates from the five schools of the university. Miss Megginson received the bachelor of arts degree in history from the College of Arts and Science.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School starts at the Church of God of Prophecy June 7 - 11 at 7 o'clock each night. We have classes for all ages. Bible school will start at 7 and be out at 9 each night.

The public is welcome.

A memorial to twelve deceased members of the Class of 1926 was given Saturday evening prior to the Class Reunion. Shown in the photo above are class members (left to right) Alice H. Marshall, Florence G. Trent, and Ouida O'Brien Persinger who was in charge of the memorial service as printed below:

Class of '26 Pays Tribute To Deceased

Our celestal ambassadors of the class of 1926 presented their eternal credentials early in their lives. All of us remember the youthful charms and abilities of each of the twelve that we memorialize on our fiftieth reunion. Wordsworth, the great nineteenth century poet recalls, "The Good die first and they whose hearts are dry as summer dust burn to the socket." We know that all writers of eulogy stress the human loss of those who die, but the same poets stress the comfort of faith in immortality. They give Christians hope as their message to sustain those grieving for the dead. Now we can say with the Christians Martyrs, who were waiting in the Colosseum at Rome to enter the center where the lions would be released from their cages underground to eat the martyrs for the entrainment of the non-believers in Christ, "Moruori salutemus - "We who are about to die salute you". In the time short or long, left to us we can work for worthy values, those ideals we held when we studied at Appomattox Agricultural High School.

Those purposes will sustain us in the moments or years that remain to us in life. May I remind you of these names of the 12 who are remembered by these roses and by the gold lettering on this ribbon: Mary Virginia Alvis, Eddie Houston Babcock, Ruth Truman Burnette, Lillian Glen Caldwell, Mary Louise Morris, Frank Pendleton Perrow, Jefferies Judson Street, Nelson Reese Thurman, Ida Belle Evans, Eleanor Rosalie Ferguson, Gladys Addie Joy and Richard Moss Lewis.

The vase of memorial roses was given to Memorial Methodist Church in honor of Mrs. L. Crawley, our principal. Money left after paying expenses was given to the Appomattox Rescue Squad.

COMPLETES BASIC

William Randolph Lipford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lipford of Concord, has just completed basic training at Paris Island, S.C. He is spending time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harvey of Spout Spring. He is a 1975 graduate of Appomattox. Upon his departure he will be stationed at Camp Pendleton, San Clemente, Calif.

SHERWILL 4-H MEETING

Sherwill 4-H Club met Monday, May 24, 1976, with the President, Janet Coleman, presiding. Sylvia Carson led the pledges.

Mr. Bill Smith, of the Campbell County Sheriff's Dept., presented a program on bicycle safety and rules. This was a very interesting program. Mr. Smith also passed out pamphlets on bicycle safety.

Mrs. Janet Clements, Extension Agent, then talked to us about summer 4-H camp and about our project books.

Mrs. Clements also talked to us about a fund-raising project to help support Cystic Fibrosis. Janet Carson made a motion that our club make coffee, lemonade and cookies to sell at the July Celebration at Rustburg Middle School. Darrell Booth seconded this motion and it was passed.

Mrs. Evans, adult leader, called the roll on the attendance for the year and handed out 4-H Fun sheets.

Patricia Kirkland and Monica Carroll joined our club as new members.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by Darrell Booth and Matthew Webb.

Amy Roberts, Reporter

The Pastor Speaks

My Expection Is From Him
Psalm 62:5

It is the believer's privilege to use this language. If he is looking for anything from the world, it is a poor "expection" indeed. But if he looks to God for the supply of his wants, whether in temporal or spiritual blessings, his "expectation" will not be in vain. Constantly we may draw from the bank of faith, and get our needs supplied out of the riches of God's lovingkindness. This I know from experience, I had rather have God for my banker than anyone I know. My Lord never fails to honor His promises; and when we bring them to His thrine, He never sends them back unanswered. Therefore I will wait only at His door, for He ever opens it with the hand of grace.

But we have "expectations" beyond this life. We shall die soon; and then our "expectation is from Him." When we lie upon the death bed we expect God in His mercy to be with us. As we approach the heavenly gate, we expect to hear the welcome invitation, "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." We expect crowns of glory; we are hoping soon to be among the multitude of saints before the throne; we are looking forward and longing for the time when we shall be like our glorious Lord; for . . . "We shall see Him as He is." Then if these be your "expectations," live for God; live with the desire and resolve to glorify Him from whom comes all your supplies. It is through His redemption, and calling that we have any "Expectation" of coming glory.

We expect much from God; but God expects much from true Christians.

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR JUNE 6, 1976

Days of Beginning
Scripture: Matthew 16:18; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1-2

On this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

This week's International Sunday School lesson introduces a series on the Bible and Church History. The passages which give the Scriptural background relate the beginnings of the Church. The passage from Matthew portrays Jesus Christ as the founder. The passage from Luke summarizes the method by which and the motive for which the New Testament was written, a collection of books which not only gives an account of the Church's early years but also provides its basis of faith and the guidelines for the Church and those who constitute it. The passage from Acts gives an account of the earliest activity of the Church and relates it to its Jewish heritage.

The word in the Greek New Testament which is translated church, ekkelesia, means assembly and its root meaning from the stem, kaleo, and the prefix, ek, is called out. The Church is the assembly of those who have been called out of the world by God in Jesus Christ. Upon these Christ builds His Church, people like Peter, redeemed sinners who once were weak but have been made strong in the power of God by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The record illustrates the fact: Peter, the weak, who less than two months before was denying that he knew Christ to a servant girl and the hangers-on around the palace of the high priest is now preaching this same Jesus boldly and publicly to multitudes in Jerusalem.

Although Jesus founded the Church, He is recorded in the gospels as using the word only twice. One use (Matthew 16:18) refers to the Church as the total body of believers; the other (Matthew 18:15-17) refers to it as a local assembly of believers in a given time and a given place. We use both meanings today.

The concept of Church is not novel to the New Testament. The Old Testament refers to the congregation of Israel. These are God's chosen people, His called-out ones. The local concept had found expression in the synagogue, an institution dating from the era of the Babylonian exile. That the first Christians not only realized their Jewish heritage but gloried in it is made abundantly clear in the preaching as it is recorded in Acts. The apostles saw their faith as the fruit and fruition of the heritage of Israel.

The Church in its Christian expression did not surface until its members had received the Holy Spirit. In obedience to the instructions of Jesus, the first believers waited in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them and inspired, empowered and emboldened them to preach the good news of the risen Savior who brings redemption and eternal life.

The Holy Spirit came upon these believers at a strategic time. The feast of Pentecost was being observed. This was the second of three annual festivals at which the Jewish male was expected to present himself before God at the sanctuary, the Temple in Jerusalem. A harvest festival, it was observed on the 50th day (from which the name Pentecost comes) after the sheaf of the first ripe barley was consecrated on the first day of the Passover feast. Consequently Jews from throughout the world, from the entire Roman Empire over which they had spread and from Asian regions outside the empire in which many Jews lived, were in Jerusalem for the feast and heard the gospel when it was first preached by the apostles. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, each heard the gospel proclaimed in the language of his own country which he understood. In this first demonstration of speaking in tongues, the tongues were identifiable languages and the words were understandable.

The central theme of the preaching was the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To the early believers, this was the focal event to which all past history moved and from which the future would flow. It was the evidence of the salvation Christ came to accomplish. And it was the evidence of His Sonship, the basis of His call and claim for commitment.

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